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## LOOKING AHEAD

**Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and Formulary Decision-Making Strategies**  
Friday, April 6, 2pm EDT  
[AMCP Members and Non-Members - Free](#)

**Improving Quality, Value, and Outcomes with Patient-Reported Outcomes - Proceedings from the AMCP Partnership Forum**  
Wednesday, April 11, 2pm EDT  
[AMCP Members - Free/AMCP Non-Members - \\$69](#)

**Improving Outcomes in Intensively Treated Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes with Continuous Glucose Monitoring**  
Tuesday, April 17, 2pm EDT  
[AMCP Members and Non-Members - Free](#)

**AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting**  
April 23-26, Boston, MA  
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

**Devising Outcomes-based contracts. Is the devil in the detail?**

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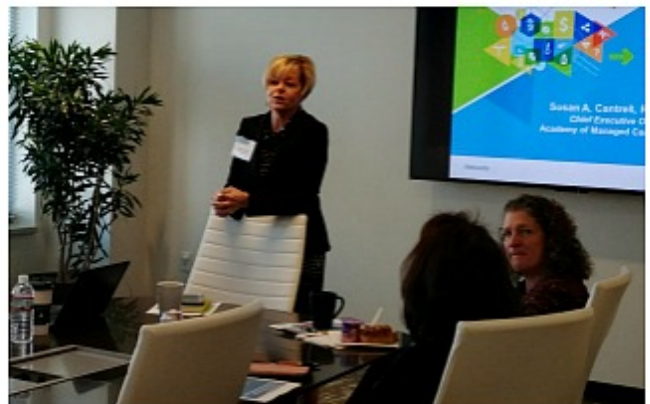
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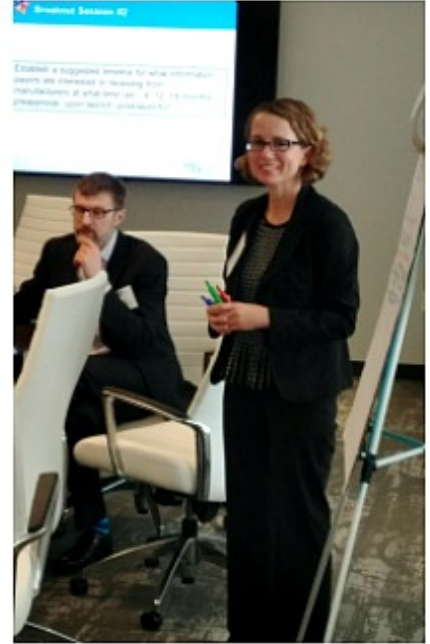


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## Stakeholders Gather at AMCP to Develop Strategies Around Sharing of HCEI

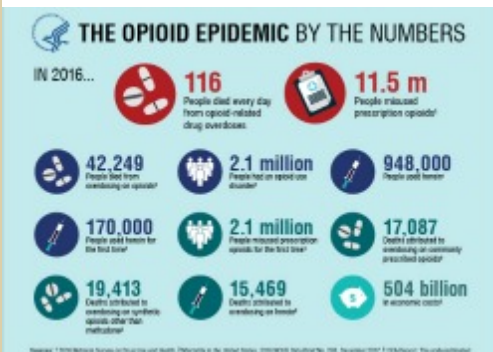




AMCP held a stakeholder workshop last month to advance new federal rules around payer and manufacturer communications. While the Pharmaceutical Information (PIE) Act (H.R. 2026) continues to progress through Congress, other recent legislative and regulatory changes have given manufacturers and payors addition flexibility in communicating important health care economic information (HCEI). The purpose of the March 8 workshop was to begin to develop best practice recommendations and implementation strategies around these changes. Specifically, the goals of the workshop were to:

- Define the characteristics, training, and expertise for the individuals who deliver proactive HCEI communications to payors.
- Establish a suggested timeline for what information payors are interested in receiving from manufacturers at what time.

AMCP is proud to have taken a leadership role in this arena. Recommendations from the workshop will be shared during a CE session at AMCP’s annual meeting and the formal proceedings will be submitted for publication in the *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy*.



## AMCP Launches New Addiction Advisory Group to Address Opioid Crisis

AMCP recently held the kickoff meeting of its newly formed Addiction Advisory Group (AAG), which will continue its ongoing efforts to promote best practices that improve addiction prevention and treatment services.

AAG is comprised of more than 20 national leaders from a wide range of organizations, including behavioral health organizations, outpatient treatment centers, nonprofit advocacy groups, health plans, pharmacy benefit management companies, specialty pharmacies, employers, hospitals and biopharmaceutical manufacturers. The AGG is sponsored by Alkermes, Inc. and Precision Diagnostics.

The AAG's planned activities include gathering stakeholder insights to understand what is driving payer coverage decisions for addiction treatment and collecting and disseminating addiction prevention and treatment best practices. The AAG also will continue to provide guidance on educational programs, webinars, conferences and resources to support communication around addiction prevention, treatment, access to naloxone, appropriate prescribing and dispensing. Findings and recommendations will be shared broadly. [Read more.](#)



### Susan A. Cantrell: *Not All Journals Are Created Equal*

Usually I delete emails like the one I received recently, but this one got me thinking. It was addressed to one of my predecessors, and invited her to publish a paper in a journal on patient care and nursing. The message said, "We believe that your invaluable experience and insights as a scholar in the area will be enlightening to our readers."

Well, the former CEO of the Academy did indeed have "invaluable experience," just not in the areas of patient care or nursing, at least to my knowledge. What really piqued my interest in this email is how it highlights the growing concern of predatory journals. A few clicks into this publisher's website, and I quickly see the journal — headquartered in China — charges authors a fee to be published, the very definition of a pay-to-publish operation.

I turned to a well-known listing of predatory journals, the "Beall's List of Predatory Journals and Publishers" (<https://bealllist.weebly.com/>). And sure enough, this publisher was on the list. [Read more.](#)



### General Session: Former Amazon Executive John Rossman to Discuss Changing Health Care Landscape

Attendees of the Annual Meeting's General Session will get a glimpse at the future of health care when John Rossman, former Director of Enterprise Services at Amazon.com, presents his keynote address on changes coming to the health care marketplace. Rossman is a leading authority on digital disruption and process efficiencies, and his presentation will illustrate the current cultures of innovation, leadership and disruption, as well as how you can adapt to new models.

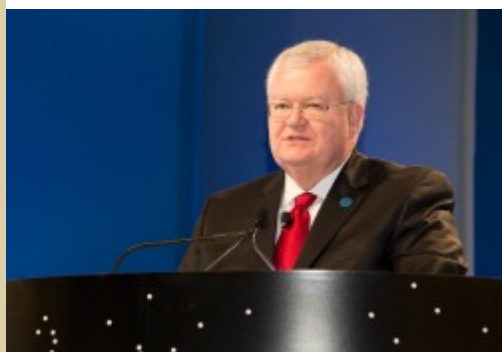
Rossman is best known for launching and scaling the Amazon Marketplace business, which now accounts for over 50% of all Amazon units sold and shipped. Since leaving Amazon, he has advised clients across most industry verticals on digital strategy, operations and culture. Rossman is the author of "The Amazon Way: 14 Leadership



Principles Behind the World's Most Disruptive Company" and "The Amazon Way on IoT:10 Lessons Every Leader Should Learn from Amazon's Internet of Things Strategy."

AMCP would like to thank the General Session Sponsor, Intarcia Therapeutics, for its generous support of the event. Don't miss the General Session, 4-5pm, Tuesday April 24.

For more information, visit [www.amcpmeetings.org](http://www.amcpmeetings.org).



## Kim A. Caldwell Is AMCP Foundation's 2018 Steven G. Avey Award Recipient

The AMCP Foundation is pleased to announce that Kim A. Caldwell, RPh, has been selected by the AMCP Past Presidents and Founders Advisory Council as the 2018 recipient of the prestigious Steven G. Avey Award. The award, which is the highest honor in managed care pharmacy, recognizes an individual for sustained, exemplary and distinguished service to the profession.

Kim is a long-time and highly active member of the Academy who has served in many leadership capacities, including as chair of different committees and as AMCP President for the 2013-2014 term.

Kim's distinguished career has spanned four decades. "Kim always seemed to find himself in the middle of transformative industry events," according to members who forwarded his nomination. "As Kim's career has progressed, he has found himself in roles ranging from staff pharmacist to vice president, where he has found himself moving from doer to leader to agent for change." Events that Kim has played a role in include: [Read more](#).



## AMCP Shares Managed Care Pharmacy's Strategies to Treat Opioid Epidemic at APhA Annual Meeting

Managed care pharmacy has a significant role to play in addressing the opioid crisis. This was the message the Academy presented at the APhA 2018 Annual Meeting & Exposition last month in Nashville, Tenn. Terry Richardson, PharmD, BCACP (pictured), AMCP Director of Product Development, was one of six pharmacists to speak at the March 17 PharmTalk: Innovative Strategies in Supporting Safe Opioid Use and Overdose Prevention. The participants shared novel approaches to address the opioid epidemic. Recognizing the widespread and devastating nature of the opioid crisis, AMCP in 2015 formed the Addiction Treatment Advisory Group, now called the Addiction Advisory Group (*see story above*). The group of multi-disciplinary experts came to consensus on the three items to improve the treatment of substance use disorders. [Read more](#).

## Corporate Member Spotlight: PerformRx



AMCP News&Views caught up recently with Mesfin Tegenu, President of PerformRx, to get his thoughts on becoming a Corporate Member, as well as how PerformRx is poised to make an impact for patients in the months ahead:

**N&V: What’s your one-minute elevator speech about your company?**

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## AMCP Foundation Announces Finalists in National P&T Competition

The Foundation is delighted to announce the eight teams that made it to the finals of the 18th Annual National Student Pharmacist P&T Competition. The finalists are:

- The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy
- University of California San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy
- University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy
- University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- University of Utah College of Pharmacy
- University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Pharmacy

The teams of four worked through a case study on a diabetes medication manufactured by Novo Nordisk, Inc. Students analyzed the product for comparative effectiveness and made recommendations on the formulary status and coverage criteria. The finals takes place on April 24 at the AMCP Annual Meeting in Boston. [Download competition schedule.](#)

The Foundation is grateful to our partners for their support: Genentech, Amgen, Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Dymaxium and AMCP/eDossier. For more information, [visit here.](#) (Image, 2017 P&T Winners: University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy)



## AMCP Nexus: The Call for Session Proposals is Now Open!

The Academy invites proposals for continuing pharmacy education (CPE) sessions to be presented at AMCP Nexus 2018: Preparing for the Next Generation of Care. The event will be held Oct. 22-25 at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Florida. AMCP Nexus 2018 is expected to attract roughly 3,000 managed care pharmacists and other health care professionals seeking to increase their knowledge of the management and coordination of clinical, pharmacy benefit, and pharmacy care programs. For more information and to submit a proposal, please visit the [proposal submission website](#). Proposals must be submitted no later than **11:59 pm PT on Thursday, May 3**. A new world of innovation and possibility is on the horizon, and the only way to prepare is together—at AMCP Nexus 2018 in sunny Orlando. *(Image, Marriott World Center)*



## AMCP's Mary Jo Carden Is Elected President-Elect of the American Society for Pharmacy Law

Congratulations go out to Mary Jo Carden, AMCP Vice President of Government and Pharmacy Affairs, who has been elected President-Elect of The American Society for Pharmacy Law (ASPL). ASPL is a nonprofit organization of attorneys, pharmacists, pharmacist-attorneys and students of pharmacy or law who are interested in the law as it applies to pharmacy, pharmacists, wholesalers, manufacturers, state and federal government and other interested parties. The organization's focus includes furthering knowledge in the law related to pharmacists, pharmacies, the provision of pharmaceutical care, the manufacturing and distribution of drugs, and other food, drug, and medical device policy issues; communicating accurate legal educational information; and providing educational opportunities for pharmacists, attorneys, and others who are interested in pharmacy law.



## OSU Student Chapter Holds Program on AMCP's Policy and Advocacy Focus Areas

Long-time AMCP member Brian Lehman, MHA, MBA, RPh, visited The Ohio State University AMCP Student Chapter on April 3 to present a program on AMCP's 2018 policy and advocacy focus areas. Lehman is vice chair of the AMCP Public Policy Committee and State Advocacy Coordinator for Ohio. He also received AMCP's Grassroots Advocacy Award in 2017. Lehman

worked with AMCP Government Affairs staff to develop the presentation, which included information on the legislative process and the need for advocacy on behalf of the profession. He also provided an update on legislation pending in Ohio that could impact managed care pharmacy. Lehman spoke to 25 students, and despite having to deliver a portion of the presentation in the hallway due to a tornado warning, he was able to raise their awareness and challenge them to advocate! *(Image, Brian Lehman)*



## AMCP Participates in the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Managed Care Roundtable

The Academy was on hand last month to share opportunities available for student pharmacists in managed care pharmacy at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy's AMCP & SGA Industry, Regulatory and Managed Care Roundtable. Lauren Lyles, PharmD, AMCP's Manager of Pharmacy Affairs and New Practitioner Programs, explained what experiences and resources AMCP makes available to student pharmacists and pharmacists throughout their professional journey. Also participating in the event was Alan Lyles, (no relation) ScD, MPH, RPh, the Henry A. Rosenberg Professor of Government, Business, and Nonprofit Partnerships, Professor in Health and Human Services, and in Public & International Affairs College of Public Administration, University of Baltimore, Baltimore Maryland. Alan Lyles also served on one of the first AMCP *Format* executive committees. *(Image right, Lauren Lyles with Alan Lyles)*



## AMCP Welcomes New Diplomats and Energizes All for Remainder of 2018

AMCP welcomed 20 new Diplomats and thanked current Diplomats for their contributions to student pharmacists during a first-of-its kind welcome call last month. Diplomats are current AMCP members who volunteer to serve as a bridge to a school or college of pharmacy. Diplomats raise faculty awareness of AMCP and managed care pharmacy; expose student pharmacists to career opportunities in managed care pharmacy; and enhance communication between the schools/colleges of pharmacy and local AMCP members. This was the first call of its kind led by Diplomat Regional Directors, and the outgoing and incoming Chairs of School of Pharmacy Relations Committee. The leaders described their role and experience with AMCP, which averaged more than 12 years of involvement, and highlighted AMCP's expectations for the Diplomat Program and shared best practices when engaging with schools or colleges of pharmacy. The overarching theme was to energize and equip Diplomats with the tools and leadership contacts necessary in order to exceed expectations within the Diplomat paradigm. For more information, [visit here](#).





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